



Garagiste SERIES

[gar-uh-zheest'] noun - A French term used to describe independent, artisan winemakers crafting small batches of wine in garage-type settings and not yet discovered by the mainstream.

Sycamore Ranch Vineyard & Winery

Owner/Winemaker: Richard Krumwiede

Location: San Bernardino Mountains, California

Sycamore Ranch Vineyard and Winery is the brainchild of Richard and Elizabeth Krumwiede, who enjoy producing Rhône and Bordeaux-style wines from their quaint winery in the San Bernardino Mountains of Southern California. The couple first decided to experiment with winemaking in 2007, and they have succeeded well beyond their imagination with the establishment of Sycamore Ranch Vineyard and Winery. They produce wines from their own 3 1/2 acre vineyard and also source fruit from select vineyards on California's Central Coast. Their first commercial vintage of just 450 cases was made in 2015, officially marking the Krumwiedes' dedicated venture into the winery business.



Prior to finding his love of winemaking, Richard Krumwiede was a landscape architect and was the founder and president of a prominent Inland Empire landscape architecture firm. He and his wife bought the San Bernardino Mountains property in 1999, and were initially attracted to the land because it was an old apple farm. Before moving there, the property had only two structures, no landscaping and just nine old apple trees. Now the ranch has been completely transformed to include the Krumwiedes' home, a 65-tree apple orchard (from which they make and sell hard cider), garden rooms, cherry and pear trees, raspberry and blackberry patches, a small Zinfandel and Syrah vineyard, and the winery and tasting room which are open by appointment only. The grounds are quite impressive and have even been featured in *Sunset Magazine*.

The addition of the Zinfandel and Syrah vineyard occurred in 2007 when the Krumwiedes lost some pine trees on the property to bark beetle. The newly opened area seemed perfect for a vineyard, and Richard and Elizabeth liked the idea of being able to make wines to share with family and friends. What began as a hobby turned into a full-time endeavor as Richard totally embraced his new found passion for winemaking. His thirst for knowledge led to his pursuit and completion of the Winemaker Certificate Program at UC Davis, where he further learned about the chemistry of fermentation and scientific techniques of winemaking.

While the Krumwiedes do grow some of their own grapes, it is very difficult to do so on their mountain property at 4,576 foot elevation, which is why they purchase much of their fruit from the Central Coast. They focus on Bordeaux and Rhône style wines and make very limited quantities. We are excited to share this new producer with our Garagiste Wine Club members. Cheers!

Sycamore Ranch 2016 SGM

62 cases produced

Central Coast of California

The Sycamore Ranch 2016 'SGM' is a blend of 45% Syrah from the Tierra Alta Vineyard in Ballard Canyon, 30% Grenache from the Estelle Vineyard in Santa Ynez, and 25% Mourvèdre from the Cass Vineyard in Paso Robles. Lush and beautifully balanced, this wine opens with aromas of thyme, marjoram, red and black cane fruit, and toasty oak, followed by flavors of blueberry, black plum, pepper, bacon and spice that linger on the long finish. Aged 12 months in oak. Enjoy now until 2026.

Gold Medal Wine Club Price: \$30.00 / bottle

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